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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of April 15, 2004,  
Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified  
application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of  
claims that begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

The Remarks portion begins on page 6 of this Amendment.